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1. THE GRAND ELECTORS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SATURDAY AUGUST 26, ELECTED AS THE SUPREME PONTIFF OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SOVEREIGN OF THE VATICAN CITY STATE, THE ARCHBISHOP OF VENICE, ALBINO CARDINAL LUCIANI-- WHO HAS CHOSEN THE NAME OF POPE GIOVANNI-PAOLO I. THE QUICK ELECTION UNDERLINES THE DESIRE OF THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS TO DEMONSTRATE UNITY AND BY THE CHOICE OF THE NAME, GIOVANNI PAOLO I, THE NEW POPE HAS SIGNALLED THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED CONSENSUS OF COLLEGE OF CARDINALS THAT THE VATICAN COUNCIL II DIRECTIONS OF THE CHURCH SHALL GO FORWARD. THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHY IS BASED ON MATERIAL WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE VATICAN PRESS OFFICE.(COMMENTARY TO FOLLOW).

2. BORN IN FORNO DI CANALE, DIOCESE OF BELLUNO, ON OCTOBER 17, 1912; ORDAINED JULY 7, 1935; NAMED BISHOP OF VITTORIO VENETO DECEMBER 15, 1958; CONSECRATED DECEMBER 27, 1958; PROMOTED TO ARCHDIOCESE OF VENICE ON DECEMBER 15, 1969; CREATED CARDINAL
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BY POPE PAUL VI ON MARCH 5, 1973, WITH THE TITULAR CHURCH OF ST. MARK, PATRIAECHE OF VENICE.

3. HIS FATHER, A SOCIALIST, AFTER HAVING LIVED AS AN EMIGRANT IN SWITZERLAND FOR MANY YEARS, FOUND WORK AS A GLASSWORKER IN MURANO. ALBINO LUCIANI ENTERED THE SEMINARY OF FELTRE. HE STUDIED PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY IN THE SEMINARY OF BELLUNO

AND AFTER BEING ORDAINED PRIEST ON JULY 7, 1935, HE MOVED TO ROME. IN THIS CITY HE TOOK COURSES AT THE PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY AND RECEIVED A DEGREE IN THEOLOGY WITH A THESIS ON ROSMINI.

4. RETURNING FIRST AS CURATE IN THE PARISH OF FORNO DI CANALE AND THEN IN AGORDO, AT THE SAME TIME TEACHING RELIGION IN THE LOCAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, FROM 1937 TO 1947 HE WAS VICE RECTOR AND PROFESSOR OF DOGMATIC AND MORAL THEOLOGY, CANON LAW AND SACRED ART IN THE SEMINARY OF BELLUNO. IN 1948 HE WAS APPOINTED VICAR GENERAL OF THE DIOCESE AND MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE. HE HAS RECOUNTED HIS EXPERIENCES IN THIS FIELD IN HIS BOOK, "CATECHESI IN BRICIOLE", WHICH IS NOW IN ITS SEVENTH EDITION.

5. AFTER HAVING HELD THE OFFICE OF VICAR GENERAL OF THE DIOCESE OF BELLUNO FOR FOUR YEARS, HE WAS APPOINTED BISHOP OF VITTORIO VENETO. IN THIS DIOCESE-- WHERE HE REMAINED FOR ELEVEN YEARS-- HIS ACTIVITIES WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS INTENSIFYING PASTORAL ACTION AND PROMOTING DIOCESAN ACTIVITY. IN HIS CAPACITY AS PATRIARCH OF VENICE, HE GREETED THE POPE ON HIS JOURNEY ON THE OCCASION OF THE ITALIAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS HELD IN UDINE IN 1972.

6. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ITALIAN EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE AND OF THE CONGREGATION FOR SACRAMENTS AND

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DIVINE WORSHIP OF THE ROMAN CURIA.

7. WE WILL CONTACT VATICAN ASAP AND PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH INFORMATION REGARDING CORONATION DATE. MEANWHILE WE ARE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS IS ON ITS WAY.

8. SINCE ABOVE TYPED WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY OF STATE CAPRIO THAT CORONATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3. HOLMES

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